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PREFILED TESTIMONY OF
DEENA L. FRANKEL
ON BEHALF OF
VERMONT ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.

Summary:

The purpose of Ms. Frankel's testimony is to convey VELCO's support for the "Revised Draft Recommendation" for the Electric Efficiency Utility Structure, filed by the Department of Public Service on May 29, 2009.

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1 Q. Please state your name and occupation.

2 A. My name is Deena L. Frankel, and I serve as Strategic System Planning
3 Facilitator for Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO).

4 Q. Please state your educational background and professional experience.

5 A. I attended Florida State University, majoring in mass communications. I
6 hold a Masters of Arts in Conflict Resolution from the McGregor School of Antioch
7 University, and a professional certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution from
8 Woodbury College. From 2006 to 2007 was employed as Executive Director of the
9 Vermont Public Service Board. From 1997 to 2006, I held the position of Director for
10 Consumer Affairs & Public Information for the Vermont Department of Public
11 Service. Prior to coming to Vermont, I worked for 18 years in Florida and
12 Connecticut at the state and local levels in the fields of consumer and disabilities
13 research and advocacy, organizational development and marketing. I have over
14 twenty years of management experience, including grants management, contract
15 supervision and administration in both large and small organizations. I also served
16 for several years as an adjunct faculty member in the Woodbury College Mediation
17 and Conflict Management Program.

18 Q. What are your responsibilities in your current position?

1 A. I am responsible for carrying out VELCO's responsibilities for the planning
2 process established by the Docket 7081 Memorandum of Understanding (7081
3 MOU)¹. This role entails facilitating the meetings of the Vermont System Planning
4 Committee (VSPC), serving as the Committee's Secretary, chairing the Technical
5 Coordinating Subcommittee of the VSPC and managing the process of the
6 Committee to make the Docket 7081 MOU successful. In addition, I carry out such
7 assignments for VELCO as are related to the Docket 7081 process, such as public
8 outreach projects related to transmission planning, participation in the team
9 preparing the three-year updates of VELCO's Long-Range Transmission Plan, and
10 participation in Public Service Board dockets that are relevant to the objectives of
11 the VSPC process.

12 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

13 A. The purpose of my testimony is to express VELCO's support for the "Draft
14 Recommendation for the EEU Structure" (Revised Draft Recommendation) filed by
15 the Department of Public Service (DPS) on May 29, 2009.

16 Q. What is VELCO's position on the Revised Draft Recommendation?

17 A. VELCO believes that the Revised Draft Recommendation represents a
18 reasonable approach to the issues raised in Docket 7466. We believe that the
19 concept of an order of appointment offers significant benefits and addresses the
20 issues raised by the Board in opening the docket. While VELCO did not join the
21 docket until the current phase, we are aware of the many months of workshop
22 meetings in the earlier stages, as well as collaboration in the current phase, that
23 went into this draft and conclude that the Revised Draft Recommendation reaches a
24 balanced and workable approach.

25 Q. Are there particular issues that were of concern to VELCO?

26 A. Yes, VELCO was concerned about ensuring that the roles of the Energy
27 Efficiency Utility (EEU) in the VSPC and in integrated utility planning in general

¹ Docket 7081, Investigation into Least-Cost Integrated Resource Planning for Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.'s Transmission System, Memorandum of Understanding, 6/20/2007.

1 were clearly articulated in any EEU restructuring. The Revised Draft
2 Recommendation contains a number of modifications from the Department's 6/16/08
3 Draft Recommendation that accomplish this end. The modifications provide
4 adequate detail and structure to ensure that a restructured EEU will have a clear
5 and significant role in the VSPC and in integrated utility planning, helping to
6 ensure effective coordination and input on energy efficiency non-transmission
7 alternatives.

8 Q. Does that conclude your testimony?

9 A. Yes it does.